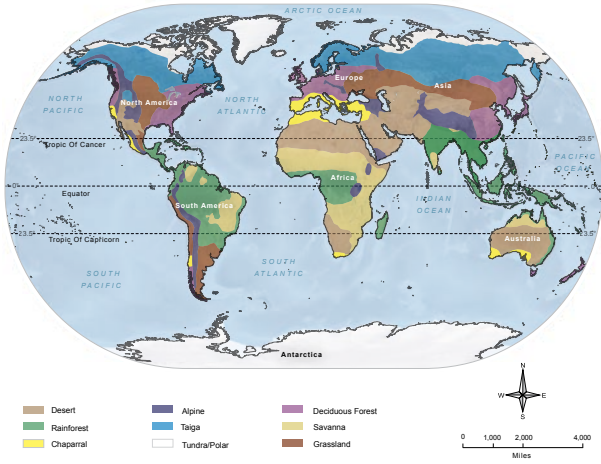


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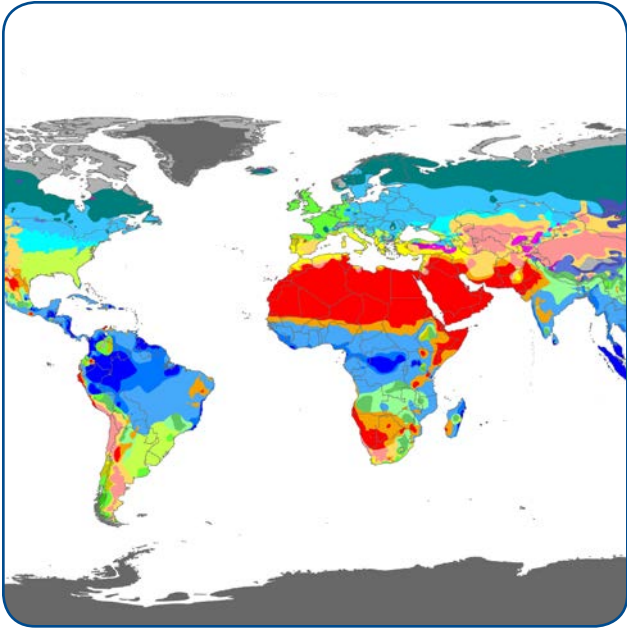


# characteristic



Large regions of Earth's surface that share similar characteristics of climate and vegetation.

A quality that makes an individual or group different from others.



# climate

# competition



The weather in an area averaged over a long period of time.

The struggle between two or more organisms for food, water, or other resources; or the act of competing as rivals.



consumer

decomposers



An organism that gets energy and matter by eating other organisms; to use goods produced by natural or human social systems; or one who uses energy resources.

Bacteria and fungi that get energy from the matter in dead organisms and waste.





# elevation

# feral



Height above sea level.

An animal that was once tame but is now wild.





# indigenous

# latitude



Originating in, or belonging to, a certain region or place.

A measure of the distance north or south from the Equator.



# omnivore

# precipitation



An organism that gets energy and matter by eating both plants and animals.

Water that falls from clouds to Earth as rain, mist, hail, sleet, ice, or snow.



# producer

# vegetation



An organism (plant or alga) that converts light energy to chemical energy stored in carbohydrates.

The plant life in an area or a region.